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Organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairperson of the Third Committee (to be issued as A/C.3/59/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/59/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (to be issued in A/59/250), relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

Question time and interactive dialogues and debates

3. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee and pursuant to paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, immediately following the introduction of reports by executive heads and senior members of the Secretariat at the beginning of each debate, interactive debates and question time will be held with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs as part of the formal proceedings. Delegations are invited to participate actively in these dialogues with questions and comments in an unscripted format. They are requested to withhold their prepared statements for the Committee's official debates immediately following the dialogues.

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Statements

4. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee, statements made during the general discussion under each agenda will be limited to 7 minutes, and to 15 minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of delegations. Statements of Secretariat officials will be limited to 7 minutes, with the exception of oral reports.

5. Under agenda item 107, "Human rights questions", delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and one statement under sub-item (d), which are to be discussed sequentially. Delegations may make up to two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), which are to be considered jointly; however, two statements cannot be made under the same sub-item.

6. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the consideration of the relevant agenda item on that day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the item, if that is sooner. The first statement should be limited to 5 minutes and the second, if any, to 3 minutes.

List of documents

7. Attention is drawn to the documents submitted under each of the agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (see annex).

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

8. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement that at least one quarter of the members of the Committee must be present to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

9. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" shall be considered in its entirety in plenary.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

10. Bearing in mind the number of meetings allocated to the Third Committee, a proposed target date of 24 November has been set for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Third Committee

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 4-8 October	
Monday, 4 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 95. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/59/120)
Item 96. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family:	
(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (A/59/176)
(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of UNESCO on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (A/59/267)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on achieving the universal primary education goal of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/59/76 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)
Item 97. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/59/164)
1 p.m.	
Closure of the list of speakers on items 95, 96 and 97	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 5 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 95, 96 and 97. General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 6 October	
10 a.m.	
Items 95, 96 and 97. General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 95, 96 and 97	
Thursday, 7 October — no meeting	
Friday, 8 October	
10 a.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 98. Crime prevention and criminal justice	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime (A/59/204)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Political Signing Conference on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (A/59/77)
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/59/205)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/59/175)
	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/59/123-E/2004/90)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism (A/59/187)
Item 99. International drug control	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem (A/59/188)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on items 98 and 99	
Week of 11-15 October	
Monday, 11 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 98 and 99. General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 12 October	
10 a.m.	
Items 98 and 99. General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 98 and 99	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 100. Advancement of women	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirtieth session (A/59/38 (Part I)) (Suppl. No. 38)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-first session (A/59/38 (Part II)) (Suppl. No. 38)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and progress on an in-depth study (also under item 101)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system, including a comprehensive review of progress made towards the goal of 50/50 gender distribution
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and on the future operation of INSTRAW
	Report of the Secretary-General on trafficking in women and girls (A/59/185)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/59/135)
Item 101. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"	Report of the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and progress on an in-depth study (also under item 100)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration (A/59/214)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 100 and 101

Wednesday, 13 October

10 a.m.

Items 100 and 101. General discussion (continued)

Programme	*Documentation*
Thursday, 14 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 100 and 101. General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 15 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 100 and 101. General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 100 and 101	
Week of 18-22 October	
Monday, 18 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 103. Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/59/41 and Corr.1) (Suppl. No. 41) Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive assessment of the United Nations response to the issue of children affected by armed conflict Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children and on the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the document entitled "A world fit for children" (also under item 41) Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, containing information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/59/190)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict on the situation of children affected by armed conflict
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on item 103	
Tuesday, 19 October	
3 p.m.	
Item 103. General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 20 October	
3 p.m.	
Item 103. General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 21 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 103. General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 103	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 104. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people (A/59/258)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the biennial report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/59/257)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on item 104

Friday, 22 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 104. General discussion (concluded)

3 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 104

Week of 25-29 October

Monday, 25 October

10 a.m.

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:

Item 107. Human rights questions	Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
Item 107 (a). Implementation of human rights instruments	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on a proposed plan of action for the first phase (2005-2007) of the work programme for human rights education
General discussion	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
	Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/59/48) (Suppl. No. 48)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/59/40) (Suppl. No. 40, vols. I and II) Report of the Committee against Torture (A/59/44) (Suppl. No. 44) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their 16th meeting (A/59/254) Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken for the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
1 p.m. *Closure of list of speakers for item 107 (a) and (d)*	
3 p.m. **Item 107 (a). General discussion (concluded)** followed by **Item 107 (d). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action** General discussion (concluded)	(No documentation)

Programme	Documentation
Tuesday, 26 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 107 (b). Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity Report of the Secretary-General on a subregional centre for human rights and democracy in Central Africa Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on a study to identify the means and measures for consideration by States for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/59/255) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances Report of the Secretary-General on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law and the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on human rights defenders
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Khmer Rouge trials
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
	Annual report of the Secretary-General on the progress of efforts to ensure the full recognition and enjoyment of the human rights of persons with disabilities
	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities on its fourth session
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food
Item 107 (c). Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on advisory services and technical assistance in Burundi
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on technical cooperation and advisory services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Item 107 (e). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/59/36) (Suppl. No. 36)
Dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	
Interactive dialogue	
General discussion	

Programme	*Documentation*

1 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 107 (a) and (d)

Wednesday, 27 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 107 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on item 107 (b), (c) and (e)

Thursday, 28 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 107 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

Friday, 29 October

10 a.m.

Item 107 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

Week of 1-5 November

Monday, 1 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 107 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 2 November

10 a.m.

Item 107 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 107 (b), (c) and (e)

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 3 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 105 (a). Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Suppl. No. 18)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
	Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
	Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the study of the issue of political platforms that promote or incite racial discrimination
	Interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
Item 105 (b). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
Item 106. Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/59/191)

Thursday, 4 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 105 (a) and (b) and 106. General discussion (continued)

1 p.m.

Closure of the list of speakers on items 105 (a) and (b) and 106

Friday, 5 November

10 a.m.

Items 105 (a) and (b) and 106. General discussion (continued)

Week of 8-12 November

Monday, 8 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 105 (a) and (b) and 106. General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 9 November

10 a.m.

Items 105 (a) and (b) and 106. General discussion (concluded)

3 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 105 (a) and (b) and 106

Programme	*Documentation*
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 102. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/59/12) (Suppl. No. 12)
	Report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/59/12/Add.1) (Suppl. No. 12 A — addendum)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on item 102	
Wednesday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 102. General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 11 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 102. General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 102	
Friday, 12 November — no meetings	

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 15-19 November	
Monday, 15 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Tuesday, 16 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Wednesday, 17 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Thursday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Friday, 19 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Week of 22-26 November	
Monday, 22 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Tuesday, 23 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 24 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Provisional programme of work of the next session	
Projected conclusion date of the work of the Third Committee	

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Addendum

Status of preparation of documentation

The annex to the present note provides information on the status of documents before the Third Committee as at 27 September 2004.

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Annex

Status of preparation of documentation for the Third Committee as at 27 September 2004

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
93. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	A/59/120	DESA	Yes
	Letter dated 22 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (see also item 99)	A/59/115		Yes
94. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Letter dated 5 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	A/59/73		Yes
94 (a). Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004	A/59/176	DESA	Yes
94 (b). United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade	A/59/267	DESA	Yes
95. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing	A/59/164	DESA	Yes
96. Crime prevention and criminal justice	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in preventing and combating terrorism	A/59/187	UNODC	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime	A/59/204	UNODC	Yes

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity	A/59/205	UNODC	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Political Conference for the Purpose of Signing the United Nations Convention against Corruption	A/59/77	UNODC	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice	A/59/123-E/2004/90	UNODC	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin	A/59/203	UNODC	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders	A/59/175	UNODC	Yes
	Letter dated 22 September 2004 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica addressed to the Secretary-General	A/59/383-S/2004/758		Yes
97. International drug control	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem	A/59/188	UNODC	Yes
	Letter dated 1 July 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	A/59/124-S/2004/532		Yes
98. Advancement of women	Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women (see also item 99)	A/59/281	DESA	No
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirtieth session (*Supplement No. 38 (Part I)*)	A/59/38 (Part I)	DESA	Yes

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
	Report of the Secretary-General on trafficking in women and girls	A/59/185	DESA	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see also items 90 (a) and 98)	A/59/135	UNDP	Yes
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (thirtieth and thirty-first sessions (*Supplement No. 38 (Part II)*)	A/59/38 (Part II)	DESA	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (see also items 98 and 114)	A/59/357	DESA	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women	A/59/313	DESA	No
99. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"	Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women (see also item 98)	A/59/281	DESA	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken and progress achieved in the follow-up to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly	A/59/214	DESA	Yes
	Letter dated 22 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar addressed to the Secretary-General (see also item 93)	A/59/115		Yes

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
100. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Addendum to the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (*Supplement No. 12A*)	A/59/12/Add.1	UNHCR	No
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (*Supplement No. 12*)	A/59/12	UNHCR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order	A/59/___	OCHA	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa	A/59/317	UNHCR	No
101. Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (*Supplement No. 41*)	A/59/41 and Corr.1	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict on the situation of children affected by armed conflict	A/59/___	OSRSG-CAC	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on children (see also items 40 and 101)	A/59/274	UNICEF	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child	A/59/190	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive assessment of the United Nations system response to children affected by armed conflict	A/59/331	EOSG	No
	Letter dated 26 July 2004 from the representatives of Colombia, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, the Sudan and Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	A/59/184-S/2004/602		Yes

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
102. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004	Note by the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations	A/59/257	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	A/59/277	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people	A/59/258	OHCHR	Yes
103. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Report of the Secretary-General on global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	A/59/375	OHCHR	No
103 (a). Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	A/59/276	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the study of the issue of political platforms that promote or incite racial discrimination	A/59/330	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	A/59/275	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*Supplement No. 18*)	A/59/18	OHCHR	No

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	A/59/329	OHCHR	No
104. Right of peoples to self-determination	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination	A/59/191	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the right of peoples to self-determination	A/59/376	OHCHR	No
	Letter dated 16 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council	A/59/66-S/2004/219		Yes
105. Human rights questions	Letter dated 21 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	A/59/371		No
	Letter dated 10 August 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	A/59/225		Yes
105 (a). Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on a proposed plan of action for the first phase (2005-2007) of the work programme for human rights education	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (*Supplement No. 40 (Vol. II)*)	A/59/40	OHCHR	No

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights	A/59/308	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their sixteenth meeting	A/59/254	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	A/59/310	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	A/59/306	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (*Supplement No. 40 (Vol. I)*)	A/59/40	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretariat on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture	A/59/353	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery	A/59/309	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Committee against Torture (*Supplement No. 44*)	A/59/44	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (*Supplement No. 48*)	A/59/48	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture	A/59/324	OHCHR	No

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
	Letter dated 11 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General	A/59/96		Yes
105 (b). Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights	A/59/320	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights	A/59/323	OHCHR	No
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights on a study to identify the means and measures for consideration by States for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance	A/59/366	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development	A/59/255	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	A/59/319	OHCHR	No

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities on its fourth session	A/59/360	DESA	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants	A/59/328	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on a subregional centre for human rights and democracy in Central Africa	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on human rights defenders	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity	A/59/327	OHCHR	Yes
	Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances	A/59/341	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law and the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights	A/59/___	OHCHR	No

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants	A/59/377	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Khmer Rouge trials	A/59/___	DM	No
105 (c). Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	A/59/311	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights in Burundi	A/59/352	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan	A/59/370	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General regarding the report on the joint Mission by three Special Rapporteurs on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	A/59/269	DPA	Yes
	Note by the Secretariat on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	A/59/367	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General regarding the report of the Independent Expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	A/59/___	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Sudan	A/59/___	OHCHR	No

Agenda item	*Document title*	*Symbol*	*Author*	*Issued*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967	A/59/256	OHCHR	Yes
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High Commissioner on assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights	A/59/340	OHCHR	No
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	A/59/316	OHCHR	Yes
105 (d). Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	No advance documentation			
105 (e). Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (*Supplement No. 36*)	A/59/36	OHCHR	No

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Revised organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairperson of the Third Committee (A/C.3/59/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/59/100). The agenda of the fifty-ninth session, as adopted by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting, is contained in document A/59/251.

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex II) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/59/250), relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services. An overview of the draft programme of work is contained in annex I to the present note.

Question time and interactive dialogues and debates

3. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee and pursuant to paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, immediately following the introduction of reports by executive heads and senior members of the Secretariat at the beginning of each debate, interactive debates and question time will be held with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs as part of the formal proceedings. Delegations are invited to participate actively in these dialogues with questions and comments in an unscripted format. They are requested to withhold their prepared statements for the debates immediately following the dialogues under agenda items or clusters of agenda items.

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Statements

4. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee, statements made during the general discussion under each agenda will be limited to 7 minutes, and to 15 minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of delegations. Statements of Secretariat officials will be limited to 7 minutes, with the exception of oral reports.

5. Under agenda item 105, "Human rights questions", delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and one statement under sub-item (d), which are to be discussed sequentially. Delegations may make up to two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), which are to be considered jointly; however, two statements cannot be made under the same sub-item.[1]

6. Under agenda items 103, "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", and 104, "Right of peoples to self-determination", which are to be discussed jointly, delegations may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.[1]

7. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the consideration of the relevant agenda item on that day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the item, if that is sooner. The first statement should be limited to 5 minutes and the second, if any, to 3 minutes.

List of documents

8. Attention is drawn to the documents submitted under each of the agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (see annex II). The status of documentation for each item is contained in A/C.3/59/L.1/Add.1.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

9. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In accordance with the recommendation of the General Committee, during the final two weeks of Ramadan, from 1 to 11 November, the hours of the meetings of the Committee will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement that at least one quarter of the members of the Committee must be present to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

10. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" shall be considered in its entirety in plenary.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

11. Bearing in mind the number of meetings allocated to the Third Committee, a proposed target date of 24 November has been set for the conclusion of its work.

[1] See General Assembly decision 58/542.

Annex I

Overview of draft programme of work of the Third Committee

	Morning	*Afternoon*
Monday, 4 October	*Item 93.* Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly	*Items 93, 94 (a) (b), 95*
	Item 94. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family:	
	(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;	
	(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all	
	Item 95. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing	
	Closure of the list of speakers on above items at 1 p.m.	
Tuesday, 5 October	*Items 93, 94 (a) (b), 95*	*Items 93, 94 (a) (b), 95*
Wednesday, 6 October	*Items 93, 94 (a) (b), 95*	*No meeting scheduled*
	1 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 93, 94 (a) (b), 95	
Thursday, 7 October	*No meeting scheduled*	*No meeting scheduled*
Friday, 8 October	*Item 96.* Crime prevention and criminal justice	*No meeting scheduled*
	Item 97. International drug control	
	Closure of the list of speakers on above items at 1 p.m.	
Monday, 11 October	*Items 96, 97*	*Items 96, 97*

	Morning	*Afternoon*
Tuesday, 12 October	*Items 96, 97*	*Item 98.* Advancement of women
	1 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 96, 97	*Item 99.* Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"
		Closure of the list of speakers on above items at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 13 October	*Items 98, 99*	*No meeting scheduled*
Thursday, 14 October	*Items 98, 99*	*Items 98, 99*
		Action on proposals
Friday, 15 October	*Items 98, 99*	*Items 98, 99*
		6 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 98, 99
Monday, 18 October	*Item 101.* Promotion and protection of the rights of children	*Item 101*
	Closure of the list on above item at 1 p.m.	
Tuesday, 19 October	*No meeting scheduled*	*Item 101*
Wednesday, 20 October	*No meeting scheduled*	*Item 101*
Thursday, 21 October	*Item 101*	*Item 102.* Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004
	1 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 101	
		Action on proposals
		Closure of the list on above item at 6 p.m.
Friday, 22 October	*Item 102*	*Item 102*
		6 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 102

	Morning	*Afternoon*
Monday, 25 October	*Item 105.* Human rights questions: (a) Implementation of human rights instruments *Closure of the list of speakers on sub-items (a) and (d) at 1 p.m.*	*105 (a) followed by* *(d)* Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action *6 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on sub-items 105 (a) and (d)*
Tuesday, 26 October	*Item 105 (b)* Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms; *(c)* Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: *(e)* Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights *Closure of the list of speakers on above sub-items at 1 p.m.*	*Items (b) (c) (e)*
Wednesday, 27 October	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)*	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)*
Thursday, 28 October	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)*	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)* *Action on proposals*
Friday, 29 October	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)*	*No meeting scheduled*
Monday, 1 November	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)*	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)*
Tuesday, 2 November	*Items 105 (b) (c) (e)* *1 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on sub-items 105 (b) (c) (e)*	*No meeting scheduled*
Wednesday, 3 November	*Item 103 (a)* Elimination of racism and racial discrimination *(b)* Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action *Item 104* Right of peoples to self-determination *Closure of the list of speakers on above items at 1 p.m.*	*Items 103 (a) (b)* *Items 104*

	Morning	*Afternoon*
Thursday, 4 November	*Items 103 (a) (b), 104*	*Items 103 (a) (b), 104* *Action on proposals*
Friday, 5 November	*Items 103 (a) (b), 104*	*No meeting scheduled*
Monday, 8 November	*Items 103 (a) (b), 104*	*Items 103 (a) (b), 104*
Tuesday, 9 November	*Items 103 (a) (b), 104* *1 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 (a) (b), 104*	*Item 100.* Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions *Closure of the list of speakers on above item at 6 p.m.*
Wednesday, 10 November	*Item 100*	*Item 100*
Thursday, 11 November	*Item 100*	*Item 100* *Action on proposals* *6 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 100*
Friday, 12 November	*Official holiday of the United Nations*	
Monday, 15 November through Wednesday, 24 November	*For programming purposes, all meetings from 15 to 24 November have been allocated for action on draft proposals. The Committee may, however, take action on proposals at any time upon conclusion of the general discussion under the relevant agenda items. As per past practice, action on proposals is taken on Thursday afternoon.*	

Annex II

Draft programme of work of the Third Committee

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 4-8 October	
Monday, 4 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 93. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/59/120) Letter dated 22 June 2004 from Qatar transmitting the ministerial declaration commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the Group of 77 (also under item 99) (A/59/115)
Item 94. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family:	Letter dated 5 April 2004 from El Salvador transmitting a note from the Minister for Foreign Affairs addressing the issue of migration (A/59/73)
(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (A/59/176)
(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of UNESCO on the implementation of the International Plan of Action for the United Nations Literacy Decade (A/59/267) *Under agenda item 115.* Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Achieving the Universal Primary Education Goal of the Millennium Declaration" (A/59/76 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1)
Item 95. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/59/164)
1 p.m.	
Closure of the list of speakers on items 93, 94 and 95	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 5 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 93, 94 and 95. General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 6 October	
10 a.m.	
Items 93, 94 and 95. General discussion (continued)	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 93, 94 and 95	
Thursday, 7 October	
No meeting	
Friday, 8 October	
10 a.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of: *Item 96.* Crime prevention and criminal justice	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime (A/59/204) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Political Signing Conference on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (A/59/77*) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/59/205) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/59/175) Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/59/123-E/2004/90) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism (A/59/187)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/59/203)
	Letter dated 22 September 2004 from Costa Rica regarding the proposed establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner on Terrorism (A/59/383-S/2004/758)
Item 97. International drug control	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem (A/59/188)
	Letter dated 1 July 2004 from Uzbekistan transmitting the text of Tashkent Declaration of Heads of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization States, adopted at their summit on 17 June 2004 (A/59/124-S/2004/532)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 96 and 97

Week of 11-15 October

Monday, 11 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 96 and 97. General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 12 October

10 a.m.

Items 96 and 97. General discussion (concluded)

1 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 96 and 97

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:

Item 98. Advancement of women	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirtieth session (A/59/38 (Part I)) (Suppl. No. 38)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-first session (A/59/38 (Part II)) (Suppl. No. 38)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women (also under item 99) (A/59/281)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system, including a comprehensive review of progress made towards the goal of 50/50 gender distribution (A/59/357)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/59/313)
	Report of the Secretary-General on trafficking in women and girls (A/59/185)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/59/135)
Item 99. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"	Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women (also under item 98) (A/59/281)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration (A/59/214)
	Letter dated 22 June 2004 from Qatar transmitting the ministerial declaration commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the Group of 77 (also under item 93) (A/59/115)

6 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 98 and 99

Wednesday, 13 October

10 a.m.

Items 98 and 99. General discussion (continued)

Programme	*Documentation*
Thursday, 14 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 98 and 99. General discussion (continued)	
Action on draft proposals	
Friday, 15 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 98 and 99. General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 98 and 99	
Week of 18-22 October	
Monday, 18 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 101. Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/59/41 and Corr.1) (Suppl. No. 41) Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive assessment of the United Nations response to the issue of children affected by armed conflict (A/59/331) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children and on the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the document entitled "A world fit for children" (also under item 40) (A/59/274) Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, containing information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/59/190) Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict on the situation of children affected by armed conflict Letter dated 26 July 2004 from Colombia, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, the Sudan and Uganda regarding the report of the Secretary-General on children in armed conflict (A/59/184-S/2004/602)

Programme	*Documentation*
1 p.m.	
Closure of the list of speakers on item 101	
Tuesday, 19 October	
3 p.m.	
Item 101. General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 20 October	
3 p.m.	
Item 101. General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 21 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 101. General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 101	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 102. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/59/277) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people (A/59/258) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the biennial report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/59/257)
Action on draft proposals	
6 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on item 102	

Programme	*Documentation*
Friday, 22 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 102. General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 102	
Week of 25-29 October	
Monday, 25 October	
10 a.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 105. Human rights questions	Letter dated 21 September 2004 from Cuba concerning the former president of Panama (A/59/371)
	Letter dated 10 August 2004 from the Russian Federation transmitting the text of a decision of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (A/59/225)
Item 105 (a). Implementation of human rights instruments	Note by the Secretary-General regarding the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/59/353)
General discussion	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on a proposed plan of action for the first phase (2005-2007) of the work programme for human rights education
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/59/309)
	Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/59/48) (Suppl. No. 48)
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/59/40) (Suppl. No. 40, vols. I and II)
	Report of the Committee against Torture (A/59/44) (Suppl. No. 44)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on the 16th meeting (A/59/254)
	Report of the Secretary-General on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/59/308)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture (A/59/324)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/59/306)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/59/310)
	Letter dated 11 May 2004 from Uzbekistan regarding compliance with the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/59/96)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers for items 105 (a) and (d)	
3 p.m.	
Item 105 (a). General discussion (concluded)	
followed by	
Item 105 (d). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	(No documentation)
General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on sub-items 105 (a) and (d)	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 26 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 105 (b). Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/59/327) Report of the Secretary-General on a subregional centre for human rights and democracy in Central Africa Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/59/320) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/59/328) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants (A/59/377) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on a study to identify the means and measures for consideration by States for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/59/255) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/59/319) Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (A/59/341) Report of the Secretary-General on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/59/323)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law and the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on human rights defenders
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Khmer Rouge trials
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (A/59/366)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities on its fourth session (A/59/360)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food
Item 105 (c). Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/59/370)
	Note by the Secretary-General regarding the report on the joint mission by three special rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions
	Note by the Secretariat regarding the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/59/316)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Independent Expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/59/311)
	Note by the Secretariat: situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/59/367)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights (A/59/340)
	Note by the Secretary-General regarding the report of the Independent Expert of the Commission on Human Rights on advisory services and technical assistance in Burundi (A/59/352)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/59/269)
	Note by the Secretary-General regarding the report of the Independent Expert of the Commission on Human Rights on technical cooperation and advisory services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967 (A/59/256)
	Note by the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (A/59/389)
Item 105 (e). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/59/36) (Suppl. No. 36)
Dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	
Interactive dialogue	
General discussion	
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on sub-items 105 (b), (c) and (e)	

Programme	*Documentation*

Wednesday, 27 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 105 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 28 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 105 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

Action on draft proposals

Friday, 29 October

10 a.m.

Item 105 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

Week of 1-5 November

Monday, 1 November

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Item 105 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 2 November

9:30 a.m.

Item 105 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (concluded)

1 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 105 (b), (c) and (e)

Wednesday, 3 November

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of :

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 103 (a). Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/59/375)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/59/18) (Suppl. No. 18)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/59/275)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/59/276)
	Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on the study of the issue of political platforms that promote or incite racial discrimination (A/59/330)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/59/239)
Item 103 (b). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/59/375)
Item 104. Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/59/376)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/59/191)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Letter dated 16 March 2004 from Azerbaijan addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Secretary-General transmitting a memorandum on the legal aspects of the conflict in and around the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan (A/59/66-S/2004/219)

1 p.m.

Closure of the list of speakers on items 103 (a) and (b) and 104

Thursday, 4 November

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Items 103 (a) and (b) and 104. General discussion (continued)

Action on draft proposals

Friday, 5 November

9:30 a.m.

Items 103 (a) and (b) and 104. General discussion (continued)

Week of 8-12 November

Monday, 8 November

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Items 103 (a) and (b) and 104. General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 9 November

9:30 a.m.

Items 103 (a) and (b) and 104. General discussion (concluded)

1 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 (a) and (b) and 104

2:30 p.m.

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 100. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/59/12) (Suppl. No. 12) Report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/59/12/Add.1) (Suppl. No. 12 A, Addendum) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (A/59/317)

6 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on item 100

Wednesday, 10 November

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Item 100. General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 11 November

9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Item 100. General discussion (concluded)

Action on draft proposals

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 100

Friday, 12 November

No meetings

Week of 15-19 November

Monday, 15 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Tuesday, 16 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 17 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Thursday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Friday, 19 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Week of 22-26 November	
Monday, 22 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Tuesday, 23 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on draft proposals	
Wednesday, 24 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding draft proposals	
Provisional programme of work of the next session	
Projected conclusion date of the work of the Third Committee	

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Agenda item 94 (a)
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2004/13 of 21 July 2004, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 45/133 of 14 December 1990, 46/92 of 16 December 1991, 47/237 of 20 September 1993, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997, 54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002 and 58/15 of 3 December 2003 concerning the proclamation of, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family in 1994 and its tenth anniversary in 2004,

"*Recalling also* that relevant United Nations instruments on human rights as well as relevant global plans and programmes of action call for the widest possible protection and assistance to be accorded to the family, bearing in mind that in different cultural, political and social systems various forms of the family exist,

"*Recalling further* that the family is the basic unit of society and, as such, should be strengthened, and that it is entitled to receive comprehensive protection and support,

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"*Noting* that the family-related provisions of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits of the 1990s and their follow-up processes continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen family-centred components of policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

"*Recognizing* that the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family provided a useful opportunity for drawing further attention to the objectives of the Year for increasing cooperation at all levels on family issues,

"*Recognizing also* the commendable efforts made by Governments at the local and national levels in carrying out specific programmes concerning families,

"*Emphasizing* that equality between women and men and respect for all the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all family members are essential to family well-being and to society at large, noting the importance of reconciliation of work and family life, and recognizing the principle that both parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the child,

"*Aware* that families are affected by social and economic changes, manifested as observable worldwide trends, and that the causes and consequences of those trends concerning families have to be identified and analysed,

"*Noting with concern* the devastating effects of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on family life, as well as the devastating effects on family life of other infectious diseases, such as malaria and tuberculosis,

"*Noting also with concern* the devastating effects of difficult social and economic conditions, armed conflicts and natural disasters on family life,

"*Recognizing* the important role of non-governmental organizations, at both the local and the national levels, working in the interest of families,

"*Aware* that there is a need for continued inter-agency cooperation on the family in order to generate greater awareness of family issues among the governing bodies of the United Nations system,

"*Recalling* that the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family will be observed and celebrated during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly,

"*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

"1. *Notes* that the follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family is an integral part of the agenda and the multi-year programme of work of the Commission for Social Development until 2006.

"2. *Urges* Governments to continue to take sustained action at all levels concerning family issues, including applied studies and research, in order to

[1] E/CN.5/2004/3.

promote the role of families in development and develop concrete measures and approaches to address national priorities in dealing with family issues;

"3. *Urges* the international community to address family-related concerns within the framework of the commitments undertaken at relevant major United Nations conferences and their follow-up processes, including those agreed to in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth special session in June 2001;[2]

"4. *Encourages* more inter-agency cooperation within the United Nations system on issues relating to the family;

"5. *Encourages* the regional commissions of the United Nations, within existing resources, to further promote the exchange of experiences at the regional level through the provision of technical assistance, including advisory services, to Governments upon request;

"6. *Emphasizes* that the Secretariat should continue its important role in the programme of work on family issues within the United Nations system and, in this regard, encourages the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, within existing resources, to continue to cooperate with Governments, the United Nations system and civil society in strengthening national capacities through the implementation of the mandated objectives of the Year, including through:

"(a) The provision of policy guidance on emerging issues and trends affecting the family through the preparation of studies and research papers aimed, in particular, at enhancing the role of the family in society;

"(b) The provision of technical assistance to countries, upon request, to enhance, where appropriate, their national capacities in the area of family-related work;

"7. *Invites* the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to disseminate a compilation of existing development cooperation activities of the United Nations system in the field of the family for the benefit of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, other relevant United Nations bodies, Member States and observers by the time of the holding of the forty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development;

"8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

"(a) To give appropriate consideration to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family by preparing the observance of the International Day of Families on 15 May 2004 and by taking appropriate steps for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

"(b) To continue to utilize the United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities to provide financial assistance for activities specific to the family and for projects of direct benefit to it, with special focus on least developed and developing countries;

[2] Resolution S-26/2, annex.

"9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session."

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Crime prevention and criminal justice

Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2004/17 of 21 July 2004, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 56/119 of 19 December 2001 on the role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, in which it stipulated the guidelines in accordance with which, beginning in 2005, the congresses, pursuant to paragraphs 29 and 30 of the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme,[1] should be held,

"*Recalling also* its resolution 57/170 of 18 December 2002 on the follow-up to the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century,[2]

"*Recalling further* its resolution 57/171 of 18 December 2002, in which it decided that the main theme of the Eleventh Congress should be 'Synergies and responses: strategic alliances in crime prevention and criminal justice',

"*Recalling* its resolution 58/138 of 22 December 2003, in which it requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to accord

[1] General Assembly resolution 46/152, annex.
[2] General Assembly resolution 56/261, annex.

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sufficient time at its thirteenth session to reviewing the progress made in the preparations for the Eleventh Congress, to finalize in good time all the necessary organizational and substantive arrangements and to make its final recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly,

"*Recognizing* the significant contributions of the congresses in promoting the exchange of experience in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice among States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines,

"*Recognizing also* the efforts already made by the Government of Thailand to prepare for the hosting of the Eleventh Congress in Bangkok from 18 to 25 April 2005,

"*Stressing* the importance of undertaking all the preparatory activities for the Eleventh Congress in a timely and concerted manner,

"1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;[3]

"2. *Also takes note with appreciation* of the discussion guide[4] prepared by the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, for the regional preparatory meetings for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

"3. *Acknowledges* the relevance of the regional preparatory meetings, which have examined the substantive items of the agenda and the workshop topics of the Eleventh Congress and made action-oriented recommendations[5] to serve as a basis for the draft declaration to be adopted by the Eleventh Congress;

"4. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to begin preparation of a draft declaration at intersessional meetings to be held following its thirteenth session, for submission to the Eleventh Congress at least one month prior to its commencement, taking into account the recommendations of the regional preparatory meetings;

"5. *Approves* the draft programme of work for the Eleventh Congress and the documentation relating thereto;

"6. *Reiterates* its decision, contained in its resolution 58/138 of 22 December 2003, that the high-level segment of the Eleventh Congress shall be held during the last three days of the Congress in order to allow heads of State or Government or government ministers to focus on the main substantive agenda items of the Congress;

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[3] E/CN.15/2004/11.

[4] A/CONF.203/PM.1 and Corr.1.

[5] A/CONF.203/RPM.1/1, A/CONF.203/RPM.2/1, A/CONF.203/RPM.3/1 and Corr.1 and A/CONF.203/RPM.4/1.

"7. *Emphasizes* the importance of the workshops to be held during the Eleventh Congress, and invites Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to provide financial, organizational and technical support to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and to the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network for the preparations for the workshops, including the preparation and circulation of relevant background material;

"8. *Invites* donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure their full participation in the workshops, and encourages States, other entities concerned and the Secretary-General to work together in order to ensure that the workshops focus on the respective issues and achieve practical results, leading to technical cooperation ideas, projects and documents related to enhancing bilateral and multilateral efforts in technical assistance activities in crime prevention and criminal justice;

"9. *Reiterates* its invitation to Governments and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to inform the Eleventh Congress about their activities aimed at putting into practice the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century,[77] with a view to providing guidance in the formulation of legislation, policies and programmes in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice at the national and international levels, and, to that end, requests the Secretary-General to compile that information and to prepare a report on the subject to be submitted to the Eleventh Congress for consideration;

"10. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to make available the resources necessary to ensure the participation of the least developed countries in the Eleventh Congress, in accordance with past practice;

"11. *Encourages* Governments to make preparations for the Eleventh Congress at an early stage by all appropriate means, including, where appropriate, the establishment of national preparatory committees, with a view to contributing to a focused and productive discussion on the topics and to participating actively in the organization and conduct of the workshops, the submission of national position papers on the various substantive items of the agenda and the encouragement of contributions from the academic community and relevant scientific institutions;

"12. *Reiterates* its invitation to Member States to be represented at the Eleventh Congress at the highest possible level, for example by heads of State or Government or government ministers and attorneys general, and to participate actively in the high-level segment;

"13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the organization of ancillary meetings of non-governmental and professional organizations participating in the Eleventh Congress, in accordance with past practice, as well as meetings of professional and geographical interest groups, and to take appropriate measures to encourage the participation of the academic and research community in the Congress;

"14. *Encourages* the relevant specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental

organizations, as well as other professional organizations, to cooperate with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the preparations for the Eleventh Congress;

"15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, in collaboration with Member States, a wide and effective programme of public information relating to the preparations for the Eleventh Congress, to the Congress itself and to the follow-up to and implementation of its recommendations;

"16. *Welcomes* the appointment, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, of a Secretary-General and an Executive Secretary of the Eleventh Congress, to perform their functions under the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice;

"17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare an overview of the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide for presentation at the Eleventh Congress, in accordance with past practice;

"18. *Calls upon* the Eleventh Congress to formulate concrete proposals for further follow-up and action, paying particular attention to practical arrangements relating to the effective implementation of the international legal instruments pertaining to transnational organized crime, terrorism and corruption and technical assistance activities relating thereto;

"19. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourteenth session to give high priority to considering the conclusions and recommendations of the Eleventh Congress, with a view to recommending, through the Economic and Social Council, appropriate follow-up by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

"20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up to the present resolution and to report thereon, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session."

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Assistance to least developed countries to ensure their participation in the sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the sessions of conferences of States parties

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2004/18 of 21 July 2004, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> **"Assistance to least developed countries to ensure their participation in the sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the sessions of conferences of States parties**
>
> *"The General Assembly,*
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> *"Recalling* its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and in particular paragraph 15 of the Millennium Declaration, in which the heads of State and Government undertook to address the special needs of the least developed countries,
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> *"Recalling also* its resolution 58/228 of 23 December 2003, in particular paragraph 9 thereof, in which it requested the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures, within existing resources and with the full participation of the regional commissions and relevant United Nations bodies, to support the participation of the least developed countries in international meetings, as well as in their preparation and consultation processes,
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> *"Stressing* the need for the effective and timely ratification of the United Nations conventions and protocols relating to transnational organized crime, corruption and terrorism and their subsequent implementation,
>
> *"Recognizing* the critical significance of those instruments, which provide a legal framework for strengthening international cooperation, based

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on mutual commitments by the least developed countries and their development partners to undertake specific action to ensure the full implementation of the provisions of the instruments,

"*Welcoming* the contributions already made by multilateral and bilateral donors to ensure the participation of representatives of least developed countries in the negotiation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime[1] and the Protocols thereto,[2] as well as the United Nations Convention against Corruption,[3]

"*Emphasizing* the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders from the least developed countries, developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,

"1. *Calls upon* Member States, international organizations and funding institutions to redouble their efforts to increase their voluntary contributions to assist the Secretary-General in covering the cost of travel and daily subsistence allowance for the participation of representatives of least developed countries in the sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to intensify efforts to ensure the increased participation of representatives of least developed countries in those meetings;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourteenth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

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[1] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I.

[2] General Assembly resolutions 55/25, annexes II and III, and 55/255, annex.

[3] General Assembly resolution 58/4, annex.